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From The Director . . .

Well it is certainly hard to believe that nearly half of 1999 is now history! There are lots of exciting things happening around the State and at the Academy for fire training opportunities.

- We have just received notice that we are receiving a grant to offer three Firefighter I programs in the northern rural counties of New Hampshire. We are presently working with program coordinators for these programs.
- We have just reorganized the Division of Fire Standards and Training to have two bureaus: the Bureau of Training and Certification and the Bureau of the Fire Academy. Jim Litevich will be the Bureau Chief for Fire Training and Certification as well as be the Assistant Director. A. Bruce McPherson will take the helm as Bureau Chief of the Bureau of the Fire Academy. See more about the two chiefs and the reorganization elsewhere in this issue.
- We are presently scheduling a Train-the-Trainer for the new Fire Instructor I program which will be field and Fire Academy piloted in the near future. This program will be the foundation for fire instructors in the State of New Hampshire.
- The New Hampshire Fire Standards and Training Commission recently set the policy to establish a visiting committee for certification topics within a year of the NFPA updating applicable standards. Therefore we will never be more than two-years behind the NFPA standards in our certification programs, thus keeping current with accreditation of our programs.
- We are in the process of filling a vacant Instructor/Supervisor (Captain) position, which should be filled by mid-June. This person's responsibility in the beginning will be to initiate the accreditation process. We hope to have accreditation for all our programs by the year's end.

As you can see this newsletter covers May and June, which is quite tardy for May dates. This was largely due to an internal problem, which is still being worked out. We will, however, be on time with the future issues.

My sincerest thanks to all the fire service personnel in New Hampshire for making training and education a priority in the service!

Sincerely,

Rick Mason, Director

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE FIREFIGHTERS

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Rank: _____

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Weds.	May 26-June 16	Introduction to Technical Rescue Skills (ITRS)	NHFA
Mons.	June 7-Aug. 2 – 7:00 p.m.	Signing for the Emergency Responder	
		Dealing with Deaf Victims	NHFA
Thurs.	June 10 – 7:30 a.m.	Nashua Fire Rescue 5th Annual Golf Tournament To	
		Benefit N.E. Children's Burn Camp	Amherst
Wed.	June 16 – 9:30 a.m.	NH Fire Standards & Training Commission Meeting	NHFA
Wed.	June 16 – 9:30 a.m.	Public Hearing: 4th Edition Firefighter Curriculum	NHFA
Wed.	June 16 – 7:00 p.m.	Public Hearing: 4th Edition Firefighter Curriculum	NHFA
Mon.	June 21-27	NAPD All Vehicle Program	Pease
Sat.	June 26	New England Fire/Rescue/EMS Expo 99	W.Springfield, MA
Sun.	June 26-July 2	Annual Fire Explorer Program	NHFA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon.	July 5-11	NAPD All Vehicle Program	Pease
Fri.	Sept. 10	Fall 1999 Fire Officer Prog. Application Deadline	NHFA
Mon.	Sept. 20-24	Statewide Firefighter Entrance Examination	NFFA
Thurs.	Sept. 23	Fall 1999 Fire Officer Program Orientation	NHFA
Mon.	Oct. 4-Nov. 5	Fall 1999 Fire Officer Program	NHFA
Mon.	Oct. 18-24	NAPD All Vehicle Program	Pease
Mon.	Nov. 15-21	NAPD All Vehicle Program	Pease

CALL TO BROTHERHOOD . . . (PART II)

A reunion and station dedication one year to the day at the Pittsburg Fire Station. A celebration to the efforts of all who carried the spirit to and from Pittsburg.

WHEN: Saturday, July 31, 1999

WHERE: Pittsburg, of course

More information to follow in the July/August Fire Service News.

CONTACT: Chief Sandy Young (538-7409)

Division of Fire Standards and Training

The Division Reorganizes

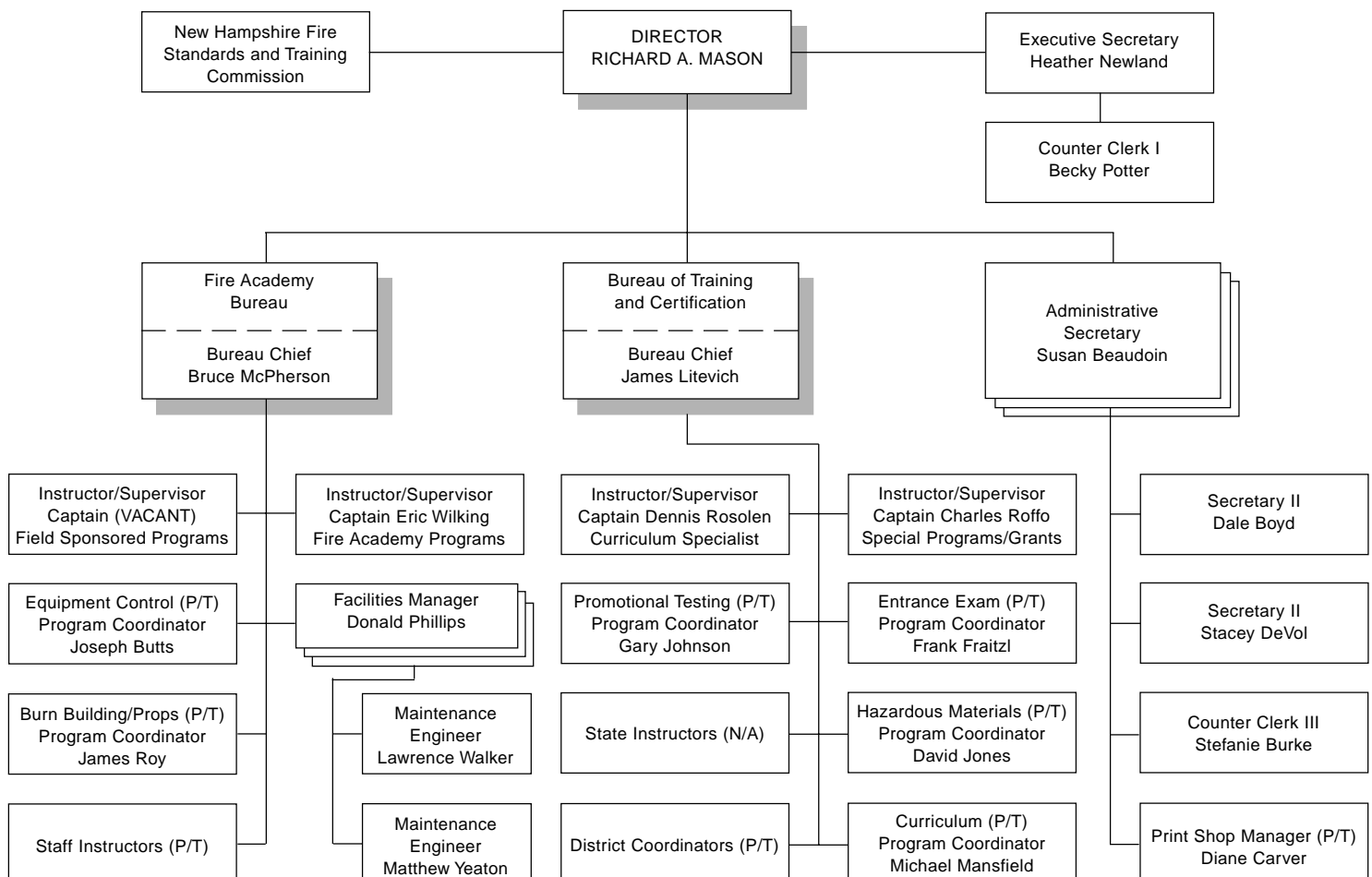
The accompanying chart shows graphically what our agency now looks like, from an organizational standpoint. The Bureau of Training and Certification handles all courses in the field (not sponsored by the Division of Fire Standards and Training), course approval and review, national certification accreditation, all testing (courses, entrance, and promotional), curriculum for all programs, special programs (Hazardous Materials and Terrorism), and visiting committees. Should you have any questions relating to these issues, please address them to this Bureau.

The Bureau of the Fire Academy oversees the facility, maintenance, equipment, and certification courses at the Fire Academy. This Bureau also is responsible for all the field programs that are sponsored by the Division, that are not classified as special programs (listed above). Basically the day-to-day operations of the Fire Academy fall under this Bureau.

The Administrative Unit oversees the secretarial staff and the district secretaries, which is headed by Susan Beaudoin, Administrative Secretary.

From a management and operations perspective, these changes are warranted and make the flow of information within the Division much easier. These changes were effective on March 24, 1999.

New Hampshire Department of Safety Division of Fire Standards and Training Organizational Structure – March 24, 1999



Staff Biographical Sketches

The Fire Service News is continuing a column profiling two Division employees in each issue. Customers will now be able to put a face with a name, and know who they are talking to when they call the Division.

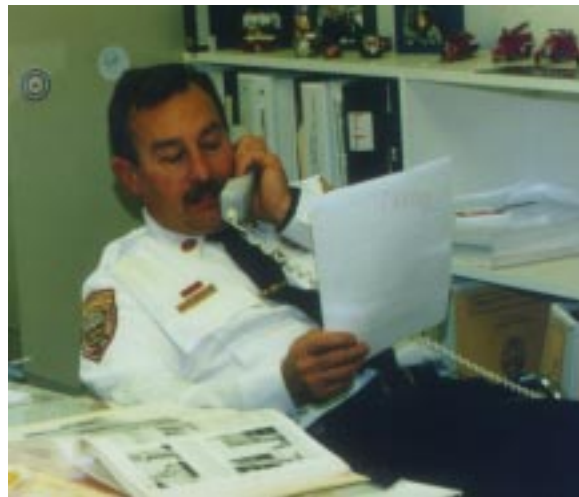
A. BRUCE MCPHERSON, Bureau Chief

A. Bruce McPherson, Bureau Chief with the Division of Fire Standards and Training, began his fire service career as a call firefighter in Peterborough, N.H. in 1973 where he served as Firefighter, EMT, and Lieutenant; he presently holds the position of honorary member with the Peterborough Fire Department. At the age of 46 (the oldest rookie in the state), Bruce signed on as a full-time firefighter/EMT with the Portsmouth Fire Department. In 1995 he held the position of District Coordinator for Cheshire County for the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy. In 1997 Bruce joined the Academy in a full-time position as Deputy Chief.

Bruce received a Bachelor of Education Degree from Keene State College, of the University of New Hampshire, and an Associate's Degree in Fire Science from the New Hampshire Technical College in Laconia.

Bruce's present responsibilities include all Academy training programs, Mobile Props, Fire Officer Program, Fire Station, Fire Apparatus, Facility Maintenance, Instructor Staff System, and Training Grounds; and he is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy.

Bruce and his new wife, Karen, reside in Concord. Between the two of them, they share five children ranging in age from 16 to 29. Bruce and Karen enjoy putting at their summer home in Maine, taking in the sunshine and the peace and tranquility. Bruce also enjoys woodworking, and is a Licensed Master Electrician.



JAMES A. LITEVICH, Assistant Director / Bureau Chief for Training and Certification

James Litevich, Bureau Chief with the Division of Fire Standards and Training, started his fire service career as a call firefighter with the Claremont Fire Department in January of 1977.

After a couple of large fires, one in a local lumber mill and another in a movie theater early that year, Jim realized that the job was calling him and, in September of 1977, he was appointed a full-time firefighter in Claremont. He served there as a firefighter and as a Fire Lieutenant until his departure to the New Hampshire Civil Defense Agency (now the NH Office of Emergency Management) in late 1986.

Jim served as a Senior Field Representative in the Technological Hazards Section for the Civil Defense Agency for 2 years. Responsibilities included coordinating emergency response planning in five area towns for the Seabrook Station Nuclear Power Plant as well as response to hazardous materials incidents statewide as a technical resource.

In August 1989, Jim came to the Division of Fire Standards and Training as the Instructor/Supervisor for Hazardous Materials Training under Chief Barry Bush. Duties included developing, coordinating, administering and instructing in the hazardous materials and incident command system programs. Also in 1989, Jim became an Adjunct Instructor with the National Fire Academy for the 80-hour Resident Program entitled "The Chemistry of Hazardous Materials."

In October of 1996, Jim was promoted to Chief of Operations / Assistant Director for the Division under the current Director Richard Mason. In February of 1999, Jim graduated from the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy.

Currently, with the new reorganization, he is responsible for Training and Certification for the Division which includes oversight of all curriculum development, testing development and maintenance, the State Fire Instructor system, reciprocity issues and other duties as assigned.

Jim and his wife, Sara, live in Claremont with their three teenagers (Jake 18, Tyler 16, and Caitlin 14), and their three Siberian huskies. Jim enjoys bowhunting, camping with the family, canoeing, riding his mountain bike, and watching their kids play sports; and he is also working on dog sledding.



CPSC, Calvin Klein Cosmetics Co. Announce Recall of Fragranced Candles

WASHINGTON, DC - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Calvin Klein Cosmetics Co., of New York, NY, is voluntarily recalling approximately 35,000 fragranced candles housed in tin containers sold in the U.S. These candles can burn with a higher than normal flame, posing a potential fire hazard.

Calvin Klein Cosmetics is aware of eight reports from consumers of the candles burning with a high flame, resulting in one minor burn injury.

These candles were available in two sizes - 2.25 inches high and 1.5 inches high. The large candles were sold separately and in gift sets, while the small candles were given away as samples, gifts with purchases and included in gift sets. The following chart lists the fragrance name written on each candle, and the color of the tin and box.

SMALL TIN CONTAINERS:

FRAGRANCE	TIN COLOR	BOX COLOR
"OBSESSION" and "OBSESSION for men"	Cream or Gold-tone	Cream
"ETERNITY" "ETERNITY for men"	Silver-tone Silver-tone	White Dark Gray
"ESCAPE" and "ESCAPE for men"	Silver-tone	Parchment
"CONTRADICTION"	Silver-tone	Silver-tone

LARGE TIN CONTAINERS:

FRAGRANCE	TIN COLOR	BOX COLOR
"CK ONE"	Silver-tone/or khaki label	No Box
"CK BE"	Black	No Box

Major department and specialty stores nationwide sold these candles from July 1998 through April 1999.

Consumers should stop using these candles immediately, and return them to the store where purchased. For more information, consumers should call Calvin Klein Cosmetics at (800) 470-4477 anytime.

1999 Statewide FIRE FIGHTER ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

September 20 - 24, 1999

Additional information to be published
in the next newsletter.

Agreement Reached By NHAFC, PFFNH, CFNH

In a recent meeting, representatives of the Professional Firefighters of New Hampshire (PFFNH), the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs (NHAFC), and Compensation Funds of New Hampshire (CFNH) met to discuss firefighter physical fitness issues. All in attendance unanimously agreed that there are numerous benefits, both for the individual and for their organizations, for firefighters to be physically fit, and that participation in a formal fitness program is recommended.

CFNH and the New Hampshire Municipal Association Health Insurance Trust have guidelines available that outline the criteria for formal programs. However, PFFNH, NHAFC, and CFNH all agree that the Fire Service Joint Labor Management Wellness-Fitness Initiative is a comprehensive program that exceeds these minimum guidelines, and fire departments are encouraged to adopt this program in its entirety.

CFNH will consider firefighters appropriately participating in a structured physical fitness program which is developed in accordance with Fire Service Joint Labor Management Wellness-Fitness Initiative to be in the course of their employment as a firefighter from a Workers' Compensation standpoint. Participation in such a program will not be considered a "recreational" activity as defined by the New Hampshire Workers' Compensation Statute, RSA 281-A:2, XI. CFNH will not, based on appropriate participation in these structured programs, deny a claim solely on the basis of it being considered a recreational activity.



NEW HAMPSHIRE Driver/Operator – All Vehicle Certification Programs



The New Hampshire Municipal Association, Property-Liability Trust and the State of New Hampshire, Division of Fire Standards & Training – New Hampshire Fire Academy are working together to provide certified driver training programs to New Hampshire emergency responders.



NATIONAL ACADEMY FOR PROFESSIONAL DRIVING

The 20-hour All Vehicle certification program is offered throughout New Hampshire with practical driving exercises conducted on a driving course specifically designed to facilitate efficient and safe emergency driving instruction.

- **NO FIREFIGHTING PREREQUISITES FOR ALL VEHICLE CERTIFICATION**

Responders will learn a professional driving technique utilizing New Hampshire Fire Academy pumper and rescue apparatus as well as selected other apparatus. Offensive and Defensive driving tactics are taught with specific instruction in proper acceleration, braking, and steering, as well as anti-lock (ABS) brakes, and retarders. The program will increase driver confidence and promote safe emergency and non-emergency operations in an action-oriented, informational and entertaining atmosphere.

Programs are offered at minimal, and in some cases, no cost to New Hampshire emergency responders.

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

NHMA Property-Liability Trust

NH Fire Academy

1-800-371-4503



NH FOREST FIRE SERVICES

News & Notes



Remember . . . Safety First . . . On Every Incident . . . Every Time!

- 1.) Fire activity has taken off - We've had (as of 4/7/99) 150 fires for 98 acres burned to date in 1999.
- 2.) Southern fire towers opened March 26, 1999.
Northern fire towers will open April 9, 1999 or as soon as they can safely be accessed.
- 3.) Warden/Deputy Warden training - will be outdoor training on a variety of subjects - fire investigation/safety/tool maintenance and water handling to name a few. Here is a partial listing - we will be mailing completed lists to all Wardens, Deputy Wardens and Fire Department training officers.

May 8 8am - Noon King Pine Ski Area Pumps/Scouting/Fire Line

May 15 8am - Noon Alton Central FD Fire Investigation

May 15 8am - Noon Cannon Mtn. Pumps/Scouting/Fire Line

May 22 9am - 1pm Meadowood Safety/Tool Maintenance

June 3 10am - 2pm The Balsams Pumps/Scouting/Fire Line

- 4.) Safety training refresher for in-state/federal and out-of-state fire crews:

April 24 Littleton FD 0900 - 1300

May 1 Canaan FD 0900 - 1300

May 8 Epsom FD 0900 - 1300

May 12 Epsom FD 0900 - 1300

This training is mandatory for ALL out of state fire crew members. COMPLETE safety training for people who have not had the complete safety training is June 19, 1999 at the Epsom Fire Department 0800-1700.

- 5.) Out of State Fire Crew Training July 23-25, 1999. Place to be announced. Step Test locations are available from your local forest rangers or the Concord or Lancaster offices (271-2217) or (788-4157).
- 6.) Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) - The National Association of State Foresters and National Volunteer Fire Council are requesting community fire departments in New Hampshire to contact Senator Judd Gregg's office to let him know that you would like an increase in VFA funding.

We are requesting an increase from \$2 million nationally to \$10 million nationally. This would mean a New Hampshire increase from \$11,000.00 to +/- \$55,000.00 annually for distribution to NH communities less than 10,000 in population.

- 7.) We will be sending additional ICE storm information to the impacted communities. By impacted communities doing fire assessments (pre-planning) and a fuel load assessment, they will be eligible for ICE wildland fire equipment dollars.
- 8.) We will be offering portable pumps, chainsaw and wildland urban interface training this year. The only courses scheduled to date are full at this time.
- 9.) Federation of Fire Mutual Aid Association meeting:
Wednesday, May 19, 1999; 7:00 pm; Salem Fire Department
Issues: HAZ. MAT. TEAMS

ENGINE STRIKE TEAMS

911

New Hampshire Fire Standards & Training Commission Meetings and Public Hearings

The New Hampshire Fire Standards & Training Commission commenced their meeting on Saturday, May 22, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ashland Fire Station. This meeting was designed for input and attendance by those not able to meet during the normal meeting times and dates. The 4th Edition of the Firefighter curriculum was on display at this meeting. The current certification curriculum is International Fire Service Training Association's (IFSTA) 3rd Edition. There was ample time to review and compare the programs.

The June meeting of the Commission will be held at 9:30 a.m. on June 16, 1999 at the Fire Academy in Concord. There will be a public hearing regarding the 4th Edition curriculum package for possible adoption at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on June 16, 1999 at the New Hampshire Fire Academy. Proposed adoption of the 4th Edition curriculum will be in September 1999.

Recap: Commission Meetings:

9:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 16, 1999 NHFA

Public Hearing – (4th Edition Firefighter curriculum):

9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, 1999 NHFA

VISITING COMMITTEE NEEDED!!

The New Hampshire Fire Standards and Training Commission is seeking qualified personnel to be part of the Visiting Committee to review the Driver/Operator Curriculum. If you feel qualified and are interested in serving, contact Chief Litevich at the New Hampshire Fire Academy by June 15, 1999 (1-800-371-4503 or 271-2661).

New Hampshire Fire Standards & Training Commission Members

REPRESENTING:

<i>Commissioner of Education</i> Dr. G. William Porter	<i>Professional Firefighters of NH - IAFF</i> David Duquette	<i>NH Permanent Firemen's Association</i> Karl J. Berardi
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<i>NH Fire Chiefs Association - Volunteer</i> Harold Harbour	<i>NH Municipal Association</i> Peter Russell	

NEW HAMPSHIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM



The Granite State

Planning for Tomorrow . . . Today!

It's never too early to begin your retirement planning. In fact, the sooner your planning begins, the better your retirement years could be. The following timeline and pension worksheet are intended to provide New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS) Group II members (firefighters and police officers) with some basic guidelines and general information about their *service retirement* benefit available through NHRS. This information does not address disability retirement benefits or Group I members' (employees and teachers) benefits. For more information about NHRS benefits, or to speak with a retirement counselor, please call the NHRS office at (603) 271-3351.

Please note that the pension worksheet is intended to help Group II members determine a very basic estimate of their *service retirement* pension payable under the maximum plan. Any applicable reductions under an optional allowance or any federal income tax withholding are not included in the worksheet and would need to be considered by the individual member. Members who are within two years of retirement are encouraged to contact NHRS Counseling at (603) 271-3351, to request a benefit calculation.

GROUP II SERVICE RETIREMENT WORKSHEET

Your years of creditable service:

_____ years = _____ months.

To calculate your service retirement pension payable at age 45 or older with a minimum of 20 years of Group II creditable service or at age 60 or older as a contributing Group II member:

	Sample Estimate	Member's Estimate
1. Enter your months of NHRS creditable service here	240	
2. Multiply your months of service by .002083 and enter here	.5	
3. Enter your AFC (the average of your 3 highest paid years) here	\$40,000	
4. Multiply line 3 by line 2 and enter here. This is your approximate yearly service retirement pension	\$20,000	

A SERVICE RETIREMENT PLANNING TIMELINE

If you are...

5 to 10 years from retirement

- ✓ Write to the NHRS Public Information Office to request a copy of the most current benefits booklet.
- ✓ Contact Social Security at (800) 772-1213 to request a "Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement".

3 to 5 years from retirement

- ✓ Write to the NHRS Public Information Office to request a pension summary sheet to determine a rough estimate of your pension, based on when you plan to retire.

1 to 3 years from retirement

- ✓ Call the NHRS Public Information Office at (603) 271-3351 to request a pension worksheet or use the worksheet provided in this pamphlet.
- ✓ Call Social Security at (800) 772-1213 to begin your application process for Social Security benefits.

6 to 9 months from retirement

- ✓ Contact NHRS Counseling at (603) 271-7844 to request a pension estimate card, a Service Retirement brochure, and the appropriate applications and forms.
- ✓ Complete the pension estimate card and submit it to NHRS as soon as possible to receive your completed pension estimate in the mail within 6 to 8 weeks.

3 to 6 months from retirement

- ✓ Contact NHRS Counseling at (603) 271-7844 to schedule an appointment with a retirement counselor.

30 to 90 days from retirement

- ✓ File your application with NHRS *before you terminate your NHRS covered employment.*
- ✓ Notify your employer of your retirement.

Note: To ensure that you have the most current edition of any of the NHRS publications, call the NHRS Public Information Office at (603) 271-3351.

First Alert

March 19, 1999

Dear IAFC Member:

Probably you have heard by now that Kidde Safety, Inc., in cooperation with the Consumer Product Safety Commission, has announced a recall of Nighthawk and Lifesaver models of carbon monoxide alarms. No injuries have been reported involving these products. Details are in the attached press release from the Consumer Product Safety Commission or on their website at www.cpsc.gov.

Please be aware that:

The Consumer Product Safety Commission and the International Association of Fire Chiefs continue to recommend that every household have an Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed carbon monoxide alarm.

We believe that thousands of lives have already been saved by carbon monoxide alarms since First Alert introduced the first UL-Listed battery operated CO alarm in 1993.

No First Alert carbon monoxide alarms are affected by this recall. All First Alert alarms comply with UL's 2034 carbon monoxide alarm standard for quality, safety and reliability. First Alert continues to design and manufacture high quality home safety products.

Sincerely,

Michael Paxton

President, First Alert

NEWS FROM CPSC

CPSC, Kidde Safety Announce Recall of Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Washington, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Kidde Safety, of Mebane, N.C., is voluntarily recalling about 1 million carbon monoxide alarms, including 650,000 Nighthawks and 350,000 Lifesavers. The Lifesaver models could alarm late or not alarm at all, and the Nighthawk models could alarm late. These alarms are used to detect carbon monoxide (CO), a colorless, odorless gas, leaking from fuel burning appliances. When they don't work, consumers can be unknowingly exposed to hazardous levels of CO, and suffer injury or death.

Kidde Safety and CPSC are not aware of any injuries involving these products. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injury.

The Nighthawk models included in this recall are all models manufactured between November 8, 1998, and March 9, 1999. The manufacturing date is on the back of the unit as year, month, day. "NIGHTHAWK" and "Carbon Monoxide Alarm" are written on the front of the unit. If "Carbon Monoxide Detector" is written on the front, the unit is operating properly and is not part of the recall.

The Lifesaver models included in this recall are models 9CO-1 and 9CO-1C manufactured between June 1, 1997 and January 31, 1998. The manufacturing date is on the back of the units as the first six numbers in the serial number, located above the UPC code. The

manufacturing date is written as day, month, year. "LIFESAVER" and "Carbon Monoxide Detector" are written on the front of the unit. Kidde Safety will help consumers identify whether their units are involved in this recall.

Consumers can participate in the recall in one of two direct ways. Visit the Kidde Safety recall website at www.nhawk.com and follow the instructions, or call Kidde Safety toll-free at (888) 543-3346 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. EST Monday through Sunday to identify whether their alarms are involved in this recall. If so, consumers will be sent a postage-paid envelope to return the alarm. Lifesaver models will be repaired, and Nighthawk models will be inspected and tested, and repaired if needed.

Kidde Safety has informed CPSC that consumers will receive alarms back within 30 days. All returned alarms will be recertified to UL-2034.

Hardware and mass merchandise stores nationwide sold these alarms beginning in 1998 for about \$20 to \$50. Consumers should not return the alarms to stores.

The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to flu, and include headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness. Exposure to high levels of CO can cause death. CO poisoning associated with using fuel-burning appliances kills more than 200 people each year and sends about 10,000 to hospital emergency.

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Submissions to The Fire Service News are encouraged. For consideration, articles and photographs should be of interest to New Hampshire firefighters and the greater fire service community. Black & White photographs provide the best clarity. Direct submissions, with appropriate publication releases, to:

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